



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, families are the primary source of identity, hope and caring for children and serve as the very foundation of our communities and our State; and

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin there are more than 7,000 children and youth in foster care being cared for by dedicated and compassionate foster families on a short-term or long-term basis; and

WHEREAS, more than 5,000 foster families in Wisconsin help children find permanence in their lives, build hope, encourage growth, and provide support every day through their service to children and thus deserve our endless respect and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, many foster families often adopt children into their families, resulting in a continual need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, many individuals, organizations and communities across Wisconsin work together to support foster families and families in crisis by providing them with necessary support and resources, donating their time and energy, and raising awareness of the needs of children in foster care;

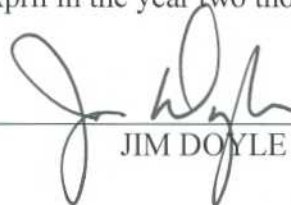
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2006, as

FOSTER FAMILY MONTH

in the State of Wisconsin, and I urge all citizens to express their appreciation and volunteer their time and efforts on behalf of children in foster care, foster parents, and the child welfare professional staff providing essential care during this month and throughout the year.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twentieth day of April in the year two thousand six.


JIM DOYLE

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State